

ferred the vouchers of Joseph Cassiano, have examined the same, and find them consisting of Quarter Master's receipts for supplies furnished troops at Bexar, in the year 1842; that some of these vouchers are approved by Wm. G. Cooke, Quarter Master General, and the remainder by officers commanding. Yet the committee are unwilling to undertake the settlement on this account, inasmuch as the Adjutant General is now in possession of all the records of the late War Department, and will be better able to attend to such cases. Owing to the want of funds, the committee could not recommend appropriations for the payment of this class of claims, they therefore return the papers and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Laid on the table.

Senate adjourned upon Senator Jewett's motion, until tomorrow 9 o'clock, A. M.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
 WEDNESDAY, May 6th, 1846. }
 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment, roll called and a quorum present.

Journals of the preceding day were read and adopted.

Senator Phillips, chairman of the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred a bill to provide for the publication of the laws of the State, recommended the following amendments and the passage of the bill.

In 3rd section, strike out the words "Coroners" and "Constables" wherever they occur in the section.

Strike out the 4th section.

Adopted.

Also to whom was referred a bill to authorize the Comptroller and Auditor of Public Accounts, to make settlements with all persons having unsettled business with the late Republic of Texas, reported the following amendments and recommended the passage of the bill.

1st amendment, insert in the caption after the word "Comptroller," "and Auditor."

Insert in 1st section, 2nd line, before the word "Comptroller"

the word "Auditor." In 6th line, after the word "Texas" insert "created and recognized by law."

2nd section, in 6th line, insert before the word "Comptroller" the words "Auditor and."

3rd section, in 9th line, after the word "law" insert "and then only at such rates as they were issued at by the Government to such party or parties."

Strike out 4th section and adopt a substitute.

Adopted.

Senator Jewett, one of the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the city of Austin, recommended the passage of the bill with the following amendment.

In 8th section, after the word "and" strike out the word "inflict" and insert the following words:

"With the intervention of a jury under the rules regulating proceedings in Justices' courts, may assess."

A message from the House informing the Senate of the passage of

A bill to prevent slaves from hiring their own time, or their owners from hiring them to other slaves or free negroes, and

A bill requiring the county of Titus to pay a portion of the debt of Red River county with amendments, both of which originated in the Senate—also transmitting

A bill to wind up (?) and close the business of the Treasury department of the late Republic of Texas.

Also informing the Senate of the appointment of Messrs. Stewart, Crump, Swift and Eddy, a committee of Conference on the bill providing for the removal of administrations from old to new counties, and request the appointment of a like committee on the part of the Senate.

Senators Phillips, Navarro and Williams were appointed said committee.

Senator Phillips introduced a bill to create a land district composed of the counties of San Patricio and Nueces; read 1st time.

On motion of Senator Burleson, the Senate proceeded to the

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill providing for the liquidation and adjustment of the public debt, being the special order of the day.

Senator McNeel moved to strike out "six months" and insert "three months."

Senator Grimes moved to strike out "liquidation" wherever it occurs in the bill; also insert at the end of first section "for further action."

Carried, and the bill ordered to be engrossed—rule suspended; read 3rd time and passed.

Senator Wallace, one of the select committee, to whom was referred a bill to amend the 2nd and 3rd sections of an act concerning divorce and alimony, reported and recommended the passage of the bill.

On motion of Senator McNeel, the report and bill were laid on the table.

A bill to authorize the opening and construction of a Turnpike road from the city of Houston to the town of Brenham; read 3rd time.

Yeas and nays on its passage, stood:

Yeas. Senators, Bagby, Brashear, Burleson, Grimes, Jewett, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Navarro, Parker, Phillips, Robinson, Wallace, Williams and Williamson—15.

Nays. None.

So the bill passed.

A bill to incorporate the several counties in this State, which now exist or may hereafter be established.

Senator Phillips moved to insert after the word "county," 9th section 4th line, the words "at public auction."

Carried, bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to provide for the registration of deeds and other instruments of writing; on motion laid on the table.

A bill to provide for the loss of field notes of surveys; being a substitute for the original bill; ordered to be engrossed.

A bill regulating limited partnerships; read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to provide for the registration of deeds and other instruments of writing was taken up.

Senator Phillips offered the following amendment:

Strike out "Chief Justices." Strike out the 19th section.

Adopted; bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to organize the District Courts and to define their powers and jurisdiction, being the substitute of the House for the Senate's bill. Adopted.

A bill requiring the county of La Vaca to pay a portion of the debt of Colorado county; ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to authorize the Comptroller to make settlements with all persons having unsettled business with the late Republic:

amendments of the Judiciary committee adopted, and the Secretary was ordered to make a copy of the bill as amended; bill made special order for three o'clock, P. M.

A bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners to take the acknowledgement of deeds and other instruments of writing executed out of this State; ordered to be engrossed—rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

Senator Wallace offered the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Senate of the State of Texas, that the offensive attitude of the Mexican Army on the western frontier, and the reason that exists for apprehending depredations from some of the Indian tribes upon the frontier settlements, combine to render the present such a case of great emergency as is contemplated in the Constitution, and one that calls for a suspension of the rule that requires every bill before it shall become a law to be read on three several days in each House of the Legislature.

Laid on the table for one day.

A message was received from the Governor transmitting a communication in writing, which was read and made the special order for to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

A bill to provide for the licensing of practising Attorneys; passed to 3rd reading.

A bill to locate the seat of justice of Leon county; passed to 3rd reading.

A bill to provide for issuing patents to assignees of good unconditional head right certificates for land; passed to 3rd reading.

Amendments of the House to Senate's bill requiring the county of Titus to pay a portion of the debt of Red River county; on motion of Senator Bagby were concurred in.

A bill providing for the election of officers for Dallas county; read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading.

A joint resolution for the relief of the heirs of John G. Welchmeyer.

Senator McNeel moved to lay it on the table.

Lost.

On motion of Senator Burleson ordered to be engrossed.

A bill ceding to the United States, jurisdiction over all forts and arsenals; ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to wind up and close the business of the Treasury Department of the late Republic of Texas; on motion of Senator Parker laid on the table.

A bill to authorize the auditor and comptroller to make settle-

ments with all persons having unsettled business with the late Republic of Texas, being the special order for this hour.

Senator Wallace offered the following amendment :

Insert at end of 1st section "and report their proceedings to the next Legislature for final action of that body."

Senator Bagby moved to strike out "final,"

Carried.

Senator Parker moved to insert "further" in the blank.

Carried, and the amendment adopted.

Senator Wallace moved to strike out of the first section "settlements with" and insert "classification of the claims."

Yeas and nays stood thus :

Yeas. Senators, Bourland, Grimes, McKinney, Miller, Navarro, Parker, Robinson and Wallace—8.

Nays. Senators, Bagby, Brashear, Jewett, McNeel Williams and Williamson—6.

Carried.

On motion of Senator Parker, the bill as amended, was re-committed to the Judiciary committee.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting a communication in writing, which was read and made the special order for 7 o'clock this day.

Senator McKinney, chairman of the select committee, make the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
 AUSTIN, May 6th, 1846. }

Honorable A. C. Horton,

President of the Senate :

The committee raised for the purpose of collecting and destroying the Seals of the late Republic, who were instructed to ascertain and report to the Senate the number of blank patents now in the General Land Office, signed by the Ex-President, and how many of said Patents have been filled up and if sued since the 16th day of February last, have applied to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, who informs them that he is not able to give the latter information in the short period of time which would be allowed under the resolution of adjournment, which has passed both houses; that there are one hundred and eighty blank patents in the office signed by the Ex-President,

THOS. F. McKINNEY,
Chairman.

Senator McNeel, chairman of the committee on Enrolled bills, reported the correct enrollment of

A bill to define the duties of Secretary of State.

A bill to require the Deputy Surveyors of the several new counties to procure maps of all the surveyed lands lying in their respective counties, and

A bill to prevent slaves from hiring their own time, or their masters from hiring them to other slaves or free negroes.

And after being signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate, were this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Senator McKinney, chairman of the committee on Internal improvements, made the following report :

The committee on Internal Improvement, to whom was referred the resolution instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their exertions to obtain the extension of the Great Western Railroad through Texas, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report:

That a measure of this character should be predicated upon National interests and principles, which, in the opinion of your committee, Texas in her extreme infancy should approach with diffidence, and distrust in her ability to do justice to the subject. Your committee are of opinion that any instructions to your Senators and Representatives on the subject, might embarrass their action, and that their position will better enable them to act advisedly and sensibly on the subject, than if their action was influenced by instructions from the Legislature, and therefore recommend leaving the whole matter to our Senators and Representatives, as to them may seem best to act, without any action on the subject by the Legislature.

A message from the House transmitting a bill for the relief Travis G. Broocks ; read 1st time.

Senator Burleson moved to reconsider the vote making the Executive communications the special order for 7 o'clock.

Carried, and on motion, Senate went into executive session.

Having concluded, on motion, Senate adjourned until tomorrow, 9 o'clock, A. M.